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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In March 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Whitney Lynn Lawrence** (MA60069443) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was convicted of three counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Douglas L. Rosser** (PH00009962) on probation for one year. He filled prescriptions written and self-prescribed by the patient. The patient was completing her family medicine residency. Rosser must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Clark County

In March 2009 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Jamie Selene Bailey** (D160058765) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft and must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Clallam County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Tawn R. Schoeben** (NA00183789) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted hydrocodone from one or more patients for her own personal use.

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Franklin County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Larissa J. Dixon Murillo** (NC10092364) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft.

Grays Harbor County

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Terry R. James** (PH00010124) on probation for three years. He billed insurance companies from his former place of employment for prescriptions that were never picked up and dispensed more legend drugs than were accurately documented. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Island County

In March 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Wylie N. Vracin** (MD00020146) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his Washington license

King County

In March 2009 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Mary L. Ballard** (MD00025316). She must comply with terms and conditions set against her Washington license.

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Mary H. Kizzie** (RC60065472) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In March 2009 the X-Ray Technician and Health Care Assistant Programs charged **Timothy J. Krakovsky** (XT00006105, HC00148228) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly wrote a prescription to himself for a controlled substance using a physicians name without authorization. He also allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the incident.

In February 2009 the Board of Psychology modified the agreed order against **Steven R. Kubacki** (PY00002316). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the probation against the certification of pharmacy technician **Laura D. Malliot** (VA00021909).

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Joseph N. Nganga** (NC10088657) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly told a patient she needed to die and left a window open in her room, letting cold air in.

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In March 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with **Andrea A. Stewart** (HC00141308). She failed to comply with previous terms and conditions on her license.

Kitsap County

In February 2009 the Massage Therapy Program denied the application of **Jonathan T. McGuire** (MA60019076). He was convicted of criminal trespassing on more than one occasion, assault, assault – domestic violence on more than one occasion, delivery of marijuana, and protection order violation.

In March 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Spring M. Moen** (MA60012558) and placed conditions against her license for three years. She was convicted of possession of stolen property on more than one occasion, possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine on more than one occasion, theft, and minor in possession. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Pierce County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Michael L. Rainwater** (NA60049416). He was entered into a deferred sentence for motor vehicle theft.

In February 2009 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Tessa Maritt Turnbull** (D160054118). She was convicted of driving under the influence multiple times.

Snohomish County

In March 2009 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **William D. Oliver** (DE00006618). He failed to manage a patient's care and allowed the patient to dictate the course of treatment. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Spokane County

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Stacey E. Barrus** (RC60066016) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of driving while intoxicated on more than one occasion and driving under the influence. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Autumn E. Edwards** (NC10085654) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of two counts of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of manufacture of a controlled substance.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Keamia D. Powell** (NA00198858). She was convicted of possessing controlled substances (cocaine and amphetamine), residential burglary, domestic violence—assault, and domestic violence.

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In March 2009 the Board of Physical Therapy reinstated the license of **Daniel W. Roberts** (PT00002482).

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the certification application of certified nursing assistant **Stephanie C. Spicer** (NC60013374) and placed conditions against her certification. Terms and conditions were placed against her registration to practice as a nursing assistant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In March 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **William P. Werschler** (MD00026292) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly used and provided controlled substances to others for reasons that were neither legitimate nor therapeutic, failed to keep adequate records of receipt and disposition of controlled substances, and failed to provide the department with requested drug logs for his clinic.

Whitman County

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy entered into an agreed order with pharmacist **Mark D. Johnson** (PH00011379) and **Tick Klock Drug** (CF00000865). Johnson filled and dispensed prescriptions for legend drugs that he received from a mail order and Internet prescription service. These actions were for his own benefit and the benefit of the pharmacy which he owned and operated. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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